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Sturgeon Point
July 23rd 1916

My dear President:

You will think it atrocious that Wallace and I did not complete that resolution of the Council for Kylie. I really looked upon the Council's year as closed. However I made a draft resolution and read it out to Wallace, and thought that I brought it down to the Point with me. Such at least was what I meant to do, in order to satisfy myself that I was right. Meanwhile Reeve wrote to remind me, and I have been searching for it in vain. I do not know what has been become of it. I remember having it in my hands as I was putting my books together for the Point, but cannot find it. I suppose I must do it all over again, and send it to Wallace. Will it really come up in Council before we return?

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Running to Dale's request. My own feeling is this that if he goes we should not regret it over much, for the future is very uncertain. We could get him back again if we really needed him. In the meantime we should not fill his place nor any other vacancies that may occur in classics, but leave ourselves free to plan Cochrane well who is worth far more to us than Dale - good a teacher as Dale is - and to bring in also a really good man from England or Scotland. Any new appointments we may have to make are immensely critical - so critical that if they concerned my own I should desire to go and see the man myself, if it were possible. We already have one place that we are keeping open (Clifton's I think). If Dale goes and Cochrane is not lost to us by the war, this would give us two places anyway to fill, two chances for good men, and if a man is really good for us in history he is ideal for classics as well - the opposite is by no means the case.

Dale has just sent me the letter enclosed. I am replying that unless it is a matter of keenness I should not advise him to accept Principal Grant's suggestion. But if we can do a friendly service to Queen's it would be good, and if Dale would like to try it I have no objection in case you can obtain permission from the Council for us to dispense with tutorial work for the first year for this one year. We could then suspend the tutorial work in the first year except for a very few, and depend on lectures alone. "Team work" is absurd anyway if you have nothing but lectures.

Did you manage to see Alexander about the proposed lending book? I talked with Wallace but he had evidently not come to the point of regarding it as a settled enterprise, but he liked the idea. Unfortunately I did not manage to see Alexander again after you spoke to me.

I hope your boys are doing well. The heat here has been very great, but I never saw the country as beautiful. It is very hard to be away from Toronto while the war is on. It wears on me greatly. But the prospects are brightening. It will take us a year to reach a military decision, a year at the best, but the winter may break down both ~~courage~~ resolution and resources of the Germans, and I am building much upon this hope.

Faithfully yours
W. S. Meyers

P.S. Monday Morning.
At last I have found the lost draft resolution and after reading it several times am sending it along with my letter to Brebner to show to Wallace for his changes. Then it will be ready if needed during the Summer.

I am reading a couple of books of Delisle Burns Political Ideals and Political Morality. They are good. I don't know the author.

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Toronto, July 27, 1916.

Professor Milner,

Sturgeon Point,

Ontario.

Dear Professor Milner:

I have just seen Mr. Dale. He has had a letter from Principal Hutton who agrees to what you may recommend. In accordance with your letter I told him that if Principal Gordon will write me asking for the loan of your services for next winter I will recommend that the Governors permit this and at the same time ask the Council on your recommendation to dispense with term work for the First Year for the coming session. We could hardly do it without a formal request from Principal Gordon but if it comes then we can render them the service that they wish.

It is very hot and I am full of work during these two days but hope to take the night train for the North. We are enjoying our new house very much and though the heat is bad we are happy if it were not for the awful time in which we are living. Each day one wonders what to expect next.

I have not had a chance to see Professor Alexander.

He got away without my knowing that he was going. It is rather difficult to arrange such a matter by correspondence but I will write to him befdre long.

With kind regards to Mrs. Milner and yourself, I am

Yours sincerely,

President.

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July 6th, 1917

Professor Wilner,

Sturgeon Point, Ont.

Dear Professor Wilner:

I forgot to speak to you before you went away about the arrangement for the Organ for next winter. Surgeon-General Fotheringham spoke to me some time ago about the possibility of his daughter acting as organist next winter. She has just returned from London where she had a thorough course of training and bringing excellent testimonials from, I think, the Royal College of Music. I should think that we would be very fortunate if we can get Miss Fotheringham to do this work for us, but of course I could not on my own responsibility assure General Fotheringham with regard to the matter. If I have your support, however I feel that probably there will not be any opposition in the Committee to our taking action in this line.

I have just got back from Washington and leave to-night for the North. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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